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Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising:

three-phase power lines;

a fuel cell power plant;

a primary DC/AC inverter receiving DC power from said fuel cell power plant and

5 providing three-phase AC power to said three-phase power lines;a load permanently connected to said primary DC/AC inverter through said three-phase power lines, said load comprising either or both of (a) auxiliary equipment of said fuel cell power plant or (b) a critical customer load;

an energy storage device; and

10 a bi-directional DC/AC converter connectable from said energy storage device to said three-phase power lines, whereby to augment the response of said fuel cell power plant and said inverter to power transients on said lines by providing power to or removing power from said lines.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein:

said three-phase power lines are connectable by first switches to a three-phase power grid; and

said converter is connectable to said three-phase power lines by second switches,

5 said converter alternatively connectable by said second switches to said power grid.

4. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a

diode connected between said fuel cell power plant and said energy storage device to passively provide energy to said energy storage device from said fuel cell power plant whenever there is a sufficiently-low load on said fuel cell power plant so that the voltage
5 output thereof exceeds that of said energy storage device.

5. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 4 further comprising:

a switch to interrupt the connection between said fuel cell power plant and said energy storage device through said diode.

6. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 4 wherein:

said three-phase power lines are connected to either or both of (a) fuel cell auxiliary equipment, or (b) a critical customer load;

said three-phase power lines are connectable by first switches to a three-phase
5 power grid; and

said converter is connectable to said three-phase power lines by second switches, said converter alternatively connectable by said second switches to said power grid, whereby power can be provided by said fuel cell power plant through said diode to (a) said power grid and/or (b) (i) said auxiliary equipment and/or (ii) said critical customer load.